

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

**Temporary Regulations for the Taxi and
Limousine Industries**

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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN
AND COMMISSIONER JOHN F. COLEMAN, JR.**

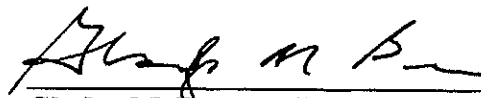
Before the Public Utility Commission (Commission or PUC) today are temporary regulations governing the taxi and limousine industries, as required by Act 85 of 2016 (Act 85). These regulations upon approval, will update the regulatory requirements for the taxi and limousine industry. We appreciate the efforts of all of those involved in this endeavor, particularly the Law Bureau.


Numerous parties filed comments to our Advanced Notice of Temporary Rulemaking issued on August 11, 2016. Inherent in those comments was the assertion that taxi and limousine companies should be permitted to implement dynamic pricing to allow them to be competitive with the Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), which we support. As technology has evolved, we should allow these entities the ability to adapt and change with that technology. However, we do have some concerns with flexible pricing, particularly in rural areas or areas where little to no competition exists. Our primary concern is whether the customer has prior knowledge of the price change and what alternatives exist for that individual.

While we support the Motion offered by Commissioner Powelson, we want to ensure that necessary consumer protections are in place. When a taxi or limousine company makes a request with this Commission for permission to impose flexible pricing, included in that filing should be a specific framework of the flexible pricing model which would provide an explanation on how customers will be notified in advance of fares when the flexible pricing is in effect.

While we understand that the complexion of the transportation industry is rapidly changing, our responsibility to ensure safe and reliable service, and to protect the public interest, remains the same.

December 8, 2016
Date


Gladys M. Brown, Chairman


John F. Coleman, Jr., Commissioner